



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION IX
75 Hawthorne Street
San Francisco, CA 94105

MAY 06 2005

Catherine Witherspoon
Executive Director
California Air Resources Board
P.O. Box 2815
Sacramento, CA 95812

Dear Ms. Witherspoon:

Please apply for \$525,000 to support the Mexico Border Program for FY-05. This funding is for the operation and maintenance of the monitoring network in the San Diego-Tijuana-Rosarito, Tecate-Tecate and Mexicali-Imperial Valley including the travel for operation and maintenance of the network. It is expected that \$15,000 of the award will go towards Border Coordination.

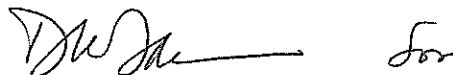
The application should be made under Section 105 of the Clean Air Act. The CFDA number for this grant is 66.001. Please provide a work plan to support the work to be accomplished under this grant. When submitting the application, work plan, and any other correspondence regarding the application, please include the R9 Tracking Number located in the upper-right hand corner of this guidance letter. Please complete the application and return it to us by May 20, 2005.

In your application please address non-Federal non-recurrent expenditures so that CARB's Maintenance of Effort (MOE) can be determined. Information regarding non-recurrent expenditures can be found in 40 CFR 35.141. In your budget justification, please identify and justify projected non-Federal non-recurrent expenditures and report all actual non-Federal non-recurrent expenditures with your Financial Status Report. Please continue to give careful attention to your proposed expenditures of non-Federal funds, since the MOE level must be maintained. A decrease in your proposed expenditures could jeopardize EPA financial assistance.

The application and budget attachments should contain sufficient detail to identify the purpose of the expenditures in the budget. Please note that the Application for Federal Assistance and the Region 9 instructions have been revised. Please access the revised application and instructions at <http://www.epa.gov/region09/funding/applying.html>.

If you have any questions regarding this grant, please call Angie Davis-Latigue, your project officer, at (415) 947-4170. Ms. Christine Vineyard is the technical contact for this project. Ms. Vineyard's number is (415) 947-4125. For administrative and fiscal matters, please call Alba Espitia at (415) 972-3667.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Stephanie Valentine', followed by a horizontal line and the word 'For'.

Stephanie Valentine, Chief
Grants & Program Integration Office

cc: Gary Honcoop, CARB
Valinda Debbs, CARB